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## New Field Manager Arrives at BLM Office

*North Bend, OR* – The Bureau of Land Management’s Coos Bay District Manager Mark Johnson announced the recent arrival of the new Myrtlewood Field Manager, Paul Flanagan.

“Paul brings a wealth of natural resource and managerial experience to the District,” said Johnson. “I am looking forward to having him as a member of our team.”

Before coming to Coos Bay, Flanagan worked for two years as District Ranger for the Ruby Mountains-Jarvis Ranger District on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest in Northeast Nevada. During his tenure, he oversaw several controversial rangeland and off-highway vehicle projects.

Past assignments for Flanagan also include fourteen years as a Forest Health Protection Entomologist for the US Forest Service’s Forestry Sciences Lab in Washington State. As an interagency employee, he also traveled to Japan and Okinawa to work on entomology related issues for the Department of Defense.

“I’ve been in the Pacific Northwest for a long time and I’m excited to be able to return here to work on forestry related issues,” said Flanagan.

As the Myrtlewood Field Manager, Flanagan will be responsible for the management of approximately 126,000 acres of public lands in the southern part of the District, from roughly Coos Bay, Oregon to the California border.

Flanagan brings with him degrees from the University of Montana and the University of Idaho. In his spare time, he enjoys cross country skiing, bike riding and fly fishing. Flanagan will be joined by his wife Joani, whom he met on the slopes of Mt. Bachelor.

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